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1. DURING RECENT WASHINGTON MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR POPOV, BONDHOLDERS COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOODS AND THREE COUNCIL DIRECTORS (FORMER AMBASSADORS CRAWFORD AND TOLBERT, AND DAVID PAYNE) EXPLORED A SETTLEMENT OF THE DEFAULTED BULGARIAN DOLLAR BONDS. THE MANNER IN WHICH SETTLEMENTS ARE NEGOTIATED, AND THE PRECEDENTS SET IN THE COUNCIL'S SETTLEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, WERE OUTLINED TO AN APPARENTLY UNPREPARED POPOV.

2. WOODS PROPOSED THAT GOB SEND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO NEW YORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL AND ALSO TO SELECT THE U.S. BANK WHICH WOULD ACT AS FISCAL AGENT.

3. AS PROMISED IN THE MEETING, WOODS FOLLOWED UP THE CALL WITH A LETTER TO POPOV, ENCLOSING COPIES OF THE POLISH,

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HUNGARIAN AND ROMANIAN SETTLEMENTS, AND THE HOT-OFF-THE-

PRESS COUNCIL REPORT FOR 1971-75 (LATTER POUCH TO EMBASSY)
WHEN WE RECEIVE A COPY OF THE WOODS LETTER, WE WILL POUCH
YOU A DUPLICATE. KISSINGER

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